

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for applying a film to a surface, said film having an adhesive applied to one side of the film to releasably apply the film to the surface,
said apparatus comprising:

a frame,
a handle fastened to said frame for pushing said apparatus,
a film roller dispenser secured to said frame for supporting a roll of film to be applied to a surface,
a guide bar secured to said frame in front of said film roller dispenser for smoothing said film as it is dispensed from said roll of film, said guide bar bowed outwardly from said frame,
front and rear rollers secured to said frame below said guide bar and said film roll dispenser for flattening said film against said surface, ~~and~~
a trailing roller secured to the rear of said frame behind said rear roller for supporting said apparatus as it is extended over a stair and to tuck the film into the corner of the stairs, and
an at least one stair guide having a frame slidably secured to said apparatus frame and at least one wheel secured to said stair guide frame, said stair guide slidable between a retracted position wherein said stair guide wheel is even with said apparatus rollers, and an extended position wherein said stair guide wheel extends below said apparatus rollers to support said apparatus as said apparatus is extended over a stair,
a latch to releasably secure said stair guide in said extended position,
whereas said apparatus is pushed by a user to apply said film to a surface,
whereas said apparatus may be extended over a set of stairs wherein said apparatus is

supported by said trailing roller with said front and rear rollers suspended over the next stair,

whereas said stair guide is extended to the next stair to support the apparatus as said trailing roller is rolled off the stair,

whereas said latch is released and said stair guide is returned to said retracted position, and
whereas said film is tucked into the corner of the next stair by said trailing roller.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for applying a film to a surface, said film having an adhesive applied to one side of the film to releasably apply the film to the surface, said apparatus comprising:

- a frame,
- a handle secured to said frame,
- a film roll dispenser mounted to said frame for supporting a roll of said film to be applied to said surface,
- a guide bar secured to said frame in front of said film roll dispenser for guiding and smoothing said film as it is dispensed from said roll of film, said guide bar bowed outwardly from said frame,
- front and rear rollers rotatably secured to said frame below said guide bar and said film roll dispenser for flattening said film against said surface as it is dispensed from said film roll over said guide bar and under said front and rear rollers,
- a trailing roller secured to said frame behind said rear roller for supporting said apparatus as it is extended over a stair, and
- a pair of stair guides slidably secured to said frame outboard of said rollers and generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said rollers, each of said stair guides including an at least one wheel rotatably secured to said stair guide, said stair guide slidable between a retracted position wherein said at least one wheel is generally even with said rollers, and an extended position wherein said at least one wheel extends below said rollers, said stair guides releasably lockable in said extended position to support said apparatus.,

whereas said apparatus is pushed by a user to apply said film to a surface,

whereas said apparatus may be extended over a set of stairs wherein said apparatus is

supported by said trailing roller with said front and rear rollers suspended over the next stair,

whereas said pair of stair guides are slidably extended to the next stair and releasably locked in said extended position to support the apparatus as said trailing roller is rolled off the stair,

whereas said pair of stair guides are released to slidably return to said retracted position and lower said apparatus to the next stair, and

whereas said film is tucked into the corner of the next stair by said trailing roller.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)